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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT : ARC-50

In telecon on 16 March a decision was made to configure 17 ARC-50 assets to the BX standard. This would assure that all OXCART aircraft would fly with the latest available technology. The tanker ARC-50 equipment is AY configured and it may be necessary to use some of the BX sets in the tankers but this is not a great problem since the major components are electrically interchangeable. The decision to modify only half of the assets at this time was colored by the possibility that OXCART may have to drop the ARC-50 in favor of an off-the-shelf UHF plus airborne TACAN if reliability of the ARC-50 does not improve significantly.

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